



You are invited to participate in a special briefing on Child/Adult Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Columbia, SC

Date: January 11, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Location: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St., Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Trucking Industry Stakeholder:

You have been identified as a leader in the South Carolina trucking industry. As such, we seek both your input and your help to confront a problem that appears to be escalating across the country. We invite you to participate in a special briefing hosted by the South Carolina Attorney General, the South Carolina Trucking Association and Truckers Against Trafficking, to become informed about local law enforcement issues related to child sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

In this briefing, you will learn about the realities of domestic sex trafficking (or forced prostitution) and the critical role the trucking industry can play in combatting them. Truck drivers (both local and OTR) are often in places that these crimes are occurring; truck stops, gas stations, rest areas, busy city streets, loading docks and other locations. Given that law enforcement is not always present, professional drivers have the unique opportunity to report these crimes as they are taking place.

We hope this briefing will result in the formation of a network that will bring the resources of your wisdom and leadership to the aid of law enforcement, as we partner in this important work to protect exploited men, women and children. We know you have many demands on your time. As this is an urgent matter, we would greatly appreciate it if you would make time to attend.

At this event, you will not only hear from law enforcement and other leaders combating this issue, but you will be able to ask questions and share your challenges.

*Note: This is not a briefing about prostitution in general. Our focus is strictly upon child exploitation and human trafficking. **Attendance at this briefing is by invitation only.** Therefore, we're asking that you acknowledge receipt of this invitation and RSVP, so we can prepare the appropriate materials.*

To RSVP, please email kmoorehead@scag.gov or call (803) 734-0306 **by January 8th, 2018.**

Sincerely,

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